

REMARKS

Claims 26-38 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-25 are canceled, claim 26 is amended, and claims 27-38 are added for the Examiner's consideration. The above added claims do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. For example, support for the added claims 27-38 is provided at Figures 1-12, the original claims, and at pages 18 and 19 of the specification.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 26 is allowed. As new claims 27-38 are dependent from claim 26, Applicants respectfully request that claims 27-38 also be indicated to be allowed. Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103(a)

Applicant submits that the rejections of claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103(a) are moot.

By this Amendment, claims 1-25 have been canceled so that the claim which was indicated to be allowed can proceed to issue.

Applicants, however, reiterate that the instant rejection is improper at least for the reasons already made of record.

Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the above-noted claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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